

Subsec. (b)(5)(A)(i). Pub. L. 109-59, §1601(e)(1)(D), inserted “that also secure the senior project obligations” after “sources”.

Subsec. (b)(6). Pub. L. 109-59, §1601(e)(1)(E), substituted “The full amount of the line of credit, to the extent not drawn upon,” for “The line of credit”.

Subsec. (b)(10). Pub. L. 109-59, §1602(b)(4)(C), substituted “603” for “183”.

Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 109-59, §1601(e)(2)(A), struck out “scheduled” before “repayments”, inserted “be scheduled to” after “shall”, and substituted “to conclude, with full repayment of principal and interest,” for “be fully repaid, with interest.”.

Subsec. (c)(3). Pub. L. 109-59, §1601(e)(2)(B), struck out heading and text of par. (3). Text read as follows: “The sources of funds for scheduled loan repayments under this section shall include tolls, user fees, or other dedicated revenue sources.”

§ 605. Program administration

(a) REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary shall establish a uniform system to service the Federal credit instruments made available under this chapter.

(b) FEES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may collect and spend fees, contingent upon authority being provided in appropriations Acts, at a level that is sufficient to cover—

(A) the costs of services of expert firms retained pursuant to subsection (d); and

(B) all or a portion of the costs to the Federal Government of servicing the Federal credit instruments.

(c) SERVICER.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may appoint a financial entity to assist the Secretary in servicing the Federal credit instruments.

(2) DUTIES.—The servicer shall act as the agent for the Secretary.

(3) FEE.—The servicer shall receive a servicing fee, subject to approval by the Secretary.

(d) ASSISTANCE FROM EXPERT FIRMS.—The Secretary may retain the services of expert firms, including counsel, in the field of municipal and project finance to assist in the underwriting and servicing of Federal credit instruments.

(Added Pub. L. 105-178, title I, §1503(a), June 9, 1998, 112 Stat. 249, §185; renumbered §605 and amended Pub. L. 109-59, title I, §§1601(f), 1602(b)(5), (d), Aug. 10, 2005, 119 Stat. 1241, 1247.)

AMENDMENTS

2005—Pub. L. 109-59, §1602(d), renumbered section 185 of this title as this section.

Pub. L. 109-59, §1601(f), amended section catchline and text generally, substituting provisions relating to establishment by the Secretary of a uniform system to service the Federal credit instruments made available under this subchapter for provisions authorizing a State to identify a local servicer to assist the Secretary in servicing the Federal credit instrument made available under this subchapter.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 109-59, §1602(b)(5), substituted “this chapter” for “this subchapter”.

§ 606. State and local permits

The provision of financial assistance under this chapter with respect to a project shall not—

(1) relieve any recipient of the assistance of any obligation to obtain any required State or local permit or approval with respect to the project;

(2) limit the right of any unit of State or local government to approve or regulate any rate of return on private equity invested in the project; or

(3) otherwise supersede any State or local law (including any regulation) applicable to the construction or operation of the project.

(Added Pub. L. 105-178, title I, §1503(a), June 9, 1998, 112 Stat. 249, §186; renumbered §606 and amended Pub. L. 109-59, title I, §1602(b)(5), (d), Aug. 10, 2005, 119 Stat. 1247.)

AMENDMENTS

2005—Pub. L. 109-59, §1602(d), renumbered section 186 of this title as this section.

Pub. L. 109-59, §1602(b)(5), substituted “this chapter” for “this subchapter” in introductory provisions.

§ 607. Regulations

The Secretary may issue such regulations as the Secretary determines appropriate to carry out this chapter.

(Added Pub. L. 105-178, title I, §1503(a), June 9, 1998, 112 Stat. 249, §187; renumbered §607 and amended Pub. L. 109-59, title I, §1602(b)(5), (d), Aug. 10, 2005, 119 Stat. 1247.)

AMENDMENTS

2005—Pub. L. 109-59, §1602(d), renumbered section 187 of this title as this section.

Pub. L. 109-59, §1602(b)(5), substituted “this chapter” for “this subchapter”.

§ 608. Funding

(a) FUNDING.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appropriated from the Highway Trust Fund (other than the Mass Transit Account) to carry out this chapter \$122,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2005 through 2009.

(2) AVAILABILITY.—Amounts made available to carry out this chapter shall remain available until expended.

(3) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—From funds made available to carry out this chapter, the Secretary may use, for the administration of this chapter, not more than \$2,200,000 for each of fiscal years 2005 through 2009.

(b) CONTRACT AUTHORITY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, approval by the Secretary of a Federal credit instrument that uses funds made available under this chapter shall impose upon the United States a contractual obligation to fund the Federal credit investment.

(2) AVAILABILITY.—Amounts authorized under this section for a fiscal year shall be available for obligation on October 1 of the fiscal year.

(Added and amended Pub. L. 105-178, title I, §1503(a), (c), June 9, 1998, 112 Stat. 249, §188; Pub. L. 105-206, title IX, §9007(a), July 22, 1998, 112 Stat. 849; Pub. L. 108-88, §5(a)(10), Sept. 30, 2003, 117 Stat. 1115; Pub. L. 108-202, §5(a)(10), Feb. 29, 2004, 118 Stat. 481; Pub. L. 108-224, §4(a)(10), Apr. 30, 2004, 118 Stat. 629; Pub. L. 108-263, §4(a)(10), June 30, 2004, 118 Stat. 700; Pub. L. 108-280, §4(a)(10), July 30, 2004, 118 Stat. 879; Pub. L. 108-310, §5(a)(10), Sept. 30, 2004, 118 Stat. 1149;